



Minnesota Ag News - Small Grains Summary

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MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM 2009

Minnesota's **SPRING WHEAT** production is estimated at 85.3 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2009, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Spring wheat yield, at 55 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from 2009. Spring wheat harvested area for grain is 1.55 million acres, unchanged from last year.

WINTER WHEAT production, at 2.82 million bushels, is up 39 percent from last year. Winter wheat harvested area is 60,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year. Yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from 2009.

OAT production is estimated at 11.4 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain is 165,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2009. This level ties the record low harvested acreage set in 1866. Yield, at 69.0 bushels per acre, is down 2 bushels from last year.

BARLEY production, at 4.34 million bushels, is down 11 percent from last year. Barley harvested area is 70,000 acres, down 13 percent from last year. This is the lowest level since 1875. Yield, at 62.0 bushels per acre, is up 1 bushel from 2009.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2010, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from 2009. Grain area is 47.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. The United States yield is a record high 46.7 bushels per acre, 2.3 bushels higher than last year and 1.8 bushels higher than the previous record set in 2008. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent; other spring wheat, 627 million bushels, up 7 percent; Durum wheat, 111 million bushels, up 2 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 81.9 million bushels, 6 percent below the August forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 64.6 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from the last forecast and down 2.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields decreased or stayed the same for most States, with the exception of Michigan, Texas, and several States in the Northwest. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres, is 4 percent below August and 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 182 million bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and 20 percent below 2009. Average yield per acre, at 73.6 bushels, is up 1.3 bushels from August and 0.6 bushel from last year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 2.87 million acres in 2010, down 19 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.47 million acres, is down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 21 percent from 2009, and the lowest level since 1882.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2009 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2010 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2009 YIELD	2010 YIELD	2009 PRODUCTION (000)	2010 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,550	1,550	53.0	55.0	82,150	85,250
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	45	60	45.0	47.0	2,025	2,820
BARLEY (Bu)	80	70	61.0	62.0	4,880	4,340
OATS (Bu)	170	165	71.0	69.0	12,070	11,385
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	12,955	13,379	45.1	46.9	584,411	626,937
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	34,510	31,749	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
BARLEY (Bu)	3,113	2,471	73.0	73.6	227,323	181,884
OATS (Bu)	1,379	1,268	67.5	64.6	93,081	81,855